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SUBJECT: SMITH INDICATES CHANCES FOR SETTLEMENT ARE  
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1. SPEAKING IN RHODESIAN PARLIAMENT TODAY, PRIME  
MINISTER IAN SMITH SAID PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT WITH  
BRITAIN APPEAR REMOTE AND HE WARNED RHODESIANS TO ADJUST  
THEIR THINKING AND PLANNING ACCORDINGLY.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPER  
CORRESPONDENT IN SALISBURY, SMITH SAID THERE WERE NO  
NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING THE VISIT TO RHODESIA BY  
SIR DENNIS GREENHILL AND OTHER OFFICIALS FROM BRITISH  
FOREIGN OFFICE LAST WEEKEND. THE SAME APPLIED TO A VISIT  
TO LONDON IN MAY BY A RHODESIAN MISSION. WITH RESPECT  
TO REIMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS THIS YEAR, SMITH SAID HMG  
WOULD "PROBABLY DWELL ON THE NEED FOR AN INTERNAL  
SETTLEMENT." HE ADDED : " THIS IS THE LATEST CATCH  
PHRASE. THAT MEANS FURTHER CONCESSIONS, FUTHER  
APPEASEMENTS BY THE WHITES. AND AS YOU HEARD, WE HAVE  
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NO INTENTION OF VENTURING ON THAT SLIPPERY SLOPE."

3. SMITH PLACED BLAME FOR IMPASSE ON AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) AS WELL AS ON BRITISH. HE DETAILED ANC REQUIREMENTS FOR SETTLEMENT.THESE INCLUDED, INTER ALIA:

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- A) INCREASE IN AFRICAN MEMBERSHIP IN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IMMEDIATELY TO PARITY WITH EUROPEAN MEMBERS.
  - B) SUBSTANTIAL LOWERING OF STANDARDS OF VOTING QUALIFICATIONS FOR AFRICANS FOR HIGHER ELECTORAL ROLE;
  - C) ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATORY LAWS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINGLE INTEGRATED SCHOOL SYSTEM;
  - D) IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF PERSONS IN DETENTION AND AMNESTY FOR "TERRORISTS" ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE RHODESIA;
  - E) APPOINTMENTS FOR POSITIONS IN MINISTRIES AND ARMED FORCES TO BE MADE ON EQUAL BASIS FOR ALL RACES.
- REFERRING TO THESE DEMANDS, SMITH SAID, "HONEST AND STRAIGHTFORWARD ASSESSMENT OF ANC DEMANDS SHOW THAT THEY ADD UP TO NOTHING LESS THAN THE OLD PARROT CRY OF ONE-MAN-ONE -VOTE."

4. CONCLUDING, SMITH SAID THAT COMPROMISE, APPEASEMENT, VACILLATION, AND THE PERMISSIVE SOCIETY WERE ANATHEMA TO RHODESIA. HE ALSO SAID: "... WE HAVE CHOSEN A TOUGHER AND MORE DIFFICULT ROAD, BUT WE DO THIS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE END RESULT HAS BEEN WORTHWHILE. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT WE, THE RHODESIANS, MUST FIND OUR OWN SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEMS. IN REPLY, I SAY TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT: 'GET OFF OUR BACKS AND LET US GET ON WITH THE JOB.'"

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